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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: NEW PATENT APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH  
FOR: COATING UNIT AND COATING  
METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please amend claim 3 as shown in the attachment. A clean copy of amended**

**Claim 3 is as follows:**

3. A coating unit according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a carrier for carrying a coating solution supply nozzle for supplying the coating solution to the substrate which is placed inside said container;  
an accommodating portion for accommodating said carrier which is disposed inside said casing; and  
a third exhaust pipe for exhausting an atmosphere inside said accommodating portion.

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REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are present in this case.

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to correct an inadvertent typographical error in Claim 3.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-13 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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